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# Centralized Range Residue Recycling Facility

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## Definition

The Centralized Range Residue Recycling Facility (CR3F) technical and feasibility study is designed to determine the feasibility of building and operating a range residue recycling facility on lands operated by American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) people.<sup>1</sup>

The project concept is to combine safe, efficient and environmentally friendly processing of munitions debris and range scrap metals, with beneficial economic opportunities for AI/AN/NH people through a self-sufficient small business opportunity.

Proposed facilities could provide:

- Destruction management of range residue

- Formal and documented chain of custody
- Self-supporting businesses on native lands, operated by native peoples
- Positive environmental benefits of recycling

## Three Phases

The project is organized into three phases. In **Phase 1**, a screening process reviewed and evaluated available land, population and capability of native people to manage this type of facility. The first screening will be followed up with phone surveys and site visits to finalized locations. **Phase 2** will be the development of a concept level business plan, while **Phase 3** will be designing and planning business operations. **Phase 4** will be revisiting the sites to document the findings, followed by publication of those findings.

Four sites have been selected. Two sites are in Hawaii — one in Hilo and a second in Honolulu; and two sites in Alaska — Eklutna and Nenana. Ten tribal locations in the contiguous United States have also been selected for further study.

Expected completion date for the study is September 2007.



Overview of a scrap site at a Sierra Army Depot Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) site

<sup>1</sup> The generally accepted federally recognized term for native peoples is American Indian or Alaska Native. Some native peoples prefer to be described as "Native Americans," "Native Hawaiian" or "Pacific Islander." The Corps of Engineers respects whichever term people wish to describe themselves.